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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR CALLS ON SECRETARY

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. AT 12:30 ON JUNE 19 SECRETARY ROGERS SAW NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR LLOYD WHITE, ON CONCERNS REPORTED REFTEL. WHITE REITERATED THAT PRESS STORY ON PRESIDENT NIXON INVITATION TO PM KIRK HAD LED TO " EMBARRASSMENT AND DISPLEASURE" IN GONZ, ALTHOUGH AS FAR AS HE COULD DETERMINE FROM EXPLANATIONS USG " INTENTIONS WERE ADMIRABLE". QUESTION OF ANZUS MEETING WAS DISCUSSED, WITH AMBASSADOR WHITE PRESSING FOR SECRETARY ROGERS TO ATTEND A MEETING AT WELLINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR WHITE REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO SEE THE SECRETARY TO EXPRESS GONZ EMBARRASSMENT AND DISPLEASURE OVER PRESS COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON INVITATION TO PM KIRK TO VISIT US. MATTER WAS A PITY IN PM KIRK'S VIEW, SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT WAS
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WELL- DISPOSED TO US AND CLOSE TO US ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES (ALTHOUGH KIRK HOPED TO DISCUSS SUCH ISSUES WITH SECRETARY AT TIME OF NEXT ANZUS MEETING); MOREOVER, GONZ HAD NOT BEEN " FUSSING" OVER POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY PM TO US, AS HAD GOA. CONSEQUENTLY PM KIRK WAS " MUCH DISPLEASED TO READ IN PAPER THAT HE COMING TO US". SECRETARY REPEATED USG APOLOGIES ON HOW MATTER HANDLED, AS REPORTED REFTEL, ADDING USG DID NOT WANT, AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, TO GIVE MORE FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO AUSTRALIA SIMPLY BECAUSE IT A LARGER STATE, HAD THEREFORE HAD IN MIND EXTENDING SIMILAR TYPE OF INVITATION TO PM KIRK AS TO PM WHITLAM. HE CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO INVITE PM KIRK TO COME TO US WHEN CONVENIENT. AMBAS- SADOR WHITE STATED THAT HE DID NOT CONTEST THAT USG INTENTIONS WERE ADMIRABLE.

3. AMBASSADOR WHITE ASKED IF SECRETARY COULD SEE THAT " SOME KIND OF LETTER" WAS SENT TO PM KIRK EXPLAINING MATTER. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DO SO. AMBASSADOR WHITE ADDED THAT PM KIRK WAS ALSO TROUBLED THAT NO US AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN NAMED TO NZ. SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT MANY POSITIONS CURRENTLY REMAINED OPEN WITHOUT ANY POLICY IMPLICATION, INCLUDING MOSCOW; BUT HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

4. AMBASSADOR WHITE REITERATED THAT GONZ WAS VERY INTER- ESTED IN THE SECRETARY ATTENDING AN ANZUS MEETING IN WELLINGTON. SECRETARY SAID JULY WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM AND ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF HAVING A WASHINGTON ANZUS MEETING CLOSE TO SCHEDULED NY SEATO COUNCIL MEET- ING; HE ADDED HE WAS CONCERNED THAT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND NOT PLAY DOWN SEATO RELATIONSHIP FOR ANZUS RELATIONSHIP. WHITE STATED GONZ POLICY HAD " COME BACK INTO THE CIRCLE" WITH USG ON ISSUE OF SEATO. NEVERTHELESS, GONZ FELT VERY STRONGLY THAT ANZUS SHOULD BE WORTH A MEETING OF ITS OWN. TO SHOW US INTEREST IN ANZUS IT WOULD BE USEFUL, MOREOVER, FOR THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO COME TO WELLINGTON THIS TIME. THE SECRETARY MENTIONED POSSI- BILITY OF DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH ATTENDING A WELLINGTON MEETING, BUT CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS NOT YET RULING OUT HIS ATTENDANCE THERE IN OCTOBER.

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